

April 9, 2009

OBEY IN CUMBERLAND FOR UPDATE ON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

CUMBERLAND, WI - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Cumberland today for an update on plans to use \$500,000 in federal funds he secured in the omnibus appropriations bill just signed into law to help refurbish and upgrade Cumberland's water system.

"The basic building blocks for community growth, like access to clean water and good roads cost a lot even in the best of times. And these certainly aren't the best times," Obey said. "So I'm glad we were able to get these dollars to help improve the water system here in Cumberland and reduce the burden that would otherwise fall on local property-tax payers."

Cumberland's original water system was constructed in the late 1890's and early 1900. The newest well was constructed in 1973 and the existing water storage tank is not large enough to maintain even a one-day supply of water during the summer months.

The federal funds Obey secured are intended to help the Municipal Utility refurbish the existing elevated water storage tank, construct a replacement supply well, complete water-main looping, and upgrade the remaining three production wells to improve water quality and continue to meet water demands from both the local community and growing business presence.

###